

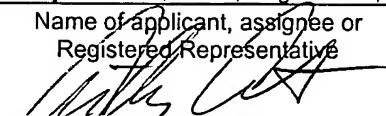
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Our Case No. 9281/4665

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Hiroshi Ushimaru	)	
Serial No. Not yet assigned	)	Examiner: Not yet assigned
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.